## AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 16, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1439

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Solorio**

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 13827.3 to the Penal Code, relating to gangs.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1439, as amended, Solorio. Gang violence: prevention.

Under existing law, the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy, which is in the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, is responsible for identifying and evaluating gang and youth violence programs and strategies, along with funding for those efforts. The Director of the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy is responsible for monitoring, assessing, and coordinating the state's programs, as specified.

This bill would require the director to consolidate and streamline existing state agency gang and youth violence grant programs with a goal toward giving priority to grant programs that employ evidence-based practices. It would authorize the director to create a working group to assist in this effort.

Existing law establishes provisions governing gang violence.

This bill would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would modify provisions of law relating to the suppression of gang violence.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no-yes. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13827.3 is added to the Penal Code, to 2 read:
- 13827.3. The director shall consolidate and streamline existing state agency gang and youth violence grant programs with a goal toward giving priority to grant programs that employ evidence-based practices. The director may create a working group to assist in this effort.
- 8 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact 9 legislation that would modify Section 13826.6 of the Penal Code,
- 10 relating to the prevention of gang violence.